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A STUDY OF THE IMAGERY-RELATED
ROLE AND RESOURCES OF THE
COLLECTION GUIDANCE AND ASSESSMENTS STAFF (CGAS)

Purpose and Method

This study was undertaken to determine whether any resource savings might accrue from reducing the role of the Collection Guidance and Assessments Staff (CGAS) in imagery collection or exploitation activities. The study was conducted by means of questionnaires and interviews with CGAS managers and personnel of the Reconnaissance Group and with ☐ individuals from 11 Agency components (see Tab A) who are, or have recently been, directly involved with CGAS' imagery-related activities. While individual office managers were not precluded from presenting consolidated office views (and some did), the emphasis was on obtaining information from people with first-hand knowledge and experience in this area. In analyzing the information derived from these questionnaires and interviews, particular attention was paid to the anticipated impact on other organizations of any reduction in the role or resources of CGAS in the imagery field.

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Principal Findings and Conclusions

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2. The great majority of intelligence officers surveyed in components throughout the Agency agreed strongly on the need for a central mechanism for coordinating imagery guidance and requirements, and they indicated that they considered CGAS services in this area as *essential* or of *great value*.

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